

JUNIOR DEVON WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM JAMES & JAQUAN BRITT,

Defendants.


On February 28, 2018, Williams requested that “all actions in the above numbered case be put off until a later date when I can properly review the civil rules of court in order to maintain the integrity of my case.” Mot. [D.E. 24] 1. In deciding to stay proceedings indefinitely, a trial court must

first identify a pressing need for the stay. Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma v. United States, 124 F.3d 1413, 1416 (1997). “The party seeking a stay must justify it by clear and convincing circumstances outweighing potential harm to the party against whom it is operative.” Williford v. Armstrong World Indus., Inc., 715 F.2d 124, 127 (4th Cir. 1983).

Williams does not currently face any deadlines and has not identified a pressing need for a stay. Accordingly, his request is denied.

In sum, the court adopts the conclusions in the M&R [D.E. 21] and DISMISSES plaintiff’s claim against defendant William James. Williams may proceed with his Fourth Amendment claim against defendant Jaquan Britt. The court DIRECTS the United States Marshal Service to make service pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d). Plaintiff’s motion to stay [D.E. 24] is DENIED.

SO ORDERED. This 6 day of April 2018.


JAMES C. DEVER III
Chief United States District Judge